

Nothing – and everything – new

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Not a lot happened in my world this week. So if you came here looking for insight and profundity, not this time. If ever. Sorry.

Our lives go on. Mary and I continued the process of figuring out how to set up housekeeping in our new (and permanent, please!) digs. I continued the process of setting up the shop and it's coming along famously. Started cutting up the felled madrone, cutting out the cankered sections and saving as much usable wood as I can. The log bucking process will take a few sessions as I work around my disability and some rude patches of poison oak.

Mary helped Angela set up her veggie garden and Angela will soon do the same for Mary. And of course, we all worked our day jobs.

Now that we're all vaccinated, we will have a June visit from Pat and Patty and (we hope) our friends the Kowals. And perhaps Sherree soon thereafter? Mary is planning a trip to visit our daughter and granddoggers in Massachusetts. Going alone will allow her to use my fare to upgrade and thus maintain some social distancing on the plane. The dogs and I will watch movies she doesn't care for and eat food of which she wouldn't approve. And yes, be jealous of Mary seeing Rachel but this is the smart course, for now. And we hope to take a reciprocal trip to see Pat and Patty in Nevada later in the summer. It would be our first overnight road trip together since (Kelly's wedding?) pre-Covid.

Mary did an overnight with her sister this past week and sat and drank wine and hiked the Arboretum and just basically had sister time. It's been fourteen months and they loved the time together. Vaccination and careful sibs are wondrous things.

I'm thinking more and more of retirement, and where I'll take my writing – and this site – once free of the daily grind. I have a couple topics I need to flesh out for future postings here. Starting work on the 'new' book.

Need to turn a couple things promised to friends and make a couple household items promised to Mary.

As I said above, nothing earth-shaking but our life is good. I hope the same is true for each and all of you.